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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: GOT SEIZURE OF REMAINING PRIVATE INTERESTS IN CTMB

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1. I HAVE JUST BEEN VISITED BY CTMB MANAGER SALESSE WHO CAME
DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, WHERE HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY
EYADEMA. LATTER WAS VERY CORDIAL AND APPARENTLY WISHED ONLY
TO REASSURE SALESSE AS TO SAFETY OF HIS FOREIGN STAFF AND THAT
HE WANTED PRODUCTION TO CONTINUE AS USUAL AT MINE AND
PLANT. PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD SEND ALL HIS MINISTERS TO
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PLANT THIS AFTERNOON TO REASSURE BOTH EXPATRIATES AND TOGOLESE

WORKERS. PRESIDENT ADDED HE WOULD HAVE GONE HIMSELF BUT HAD BEEN ORDERED BY DOCTOR TO STAY OFF FOOT SLIGHTLY INJURED IN CRASH OF HIS AIRCRAFT.

2. SALESSE SAYS THERE HAS BEEN NO TROUBLE AT PLANT, ALTHOUGH EXPATRIATES HAD OF COURSE BEEN WORRIED. HE NEVERTHELESS REPORTED ONE DISTURBING THING: FRENCH ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE CORDIER HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY FOR MAKING PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS. SALESSE ASSUMES CORDIER WAS DENOUNCED BY SOMEONE, PERHAPS A HOUSEBOY. THIS IS POSSIBILITY WE MUST ALL BE CAREFUL OF IN PRESENT ATMOSPHERE. RADIO LAST NIGHT ISSUED CALL BY RPT FOR VIGILANCE AND DENUNCIATION OF ENEMIES (OF REGIME).

3. PRESIDENT HAS SUMMONED ALL AMBASSADORS TO PALACE AT 0700 HOURS TOMORROW. WHILE HE COULD MENTION QUESTION OF COMPENSATION, IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY WE SHALL BE TREATED TO SELF-JUSTIFYING RECITAL OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO AIR CRASH AND SEIZURE OF REMAINING 49 PERCENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED CTMB STOCK.

4. TREATY OF AMITY AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN USA AND TOGO OF 8 FEBRUARY 1966 PROVIDES IN ARTICLE IV, PARAS 1 AND 2, THAT NATIONALS AND COMPANIES OF EITHER PARTY MUST BE ACCORDED FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT, THAT UNREASONABLE OR DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES MUST NOT BE APPLIED TO THEM, AND THAT PROPERTY OF SUCH NATIONALS AND COMPANIES SHALL NOT BE TAKEN EXCEPT FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE OR WITHOUT PROMPT PAYMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION. THIS CAN BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF GOT AT APPROPRIATE TIME, POSSIBLY DURING LOW-KEY DEMARCHE I PROPOSE TO MAKE WITH FINANCE MINISTER KODJO (REFTEL).

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